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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ray Obermiller, Office of Special Assistant,
Telecommunications, ODM

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft, Dated February 20, Progress
Report on NSC-169

The following comments have been coordinated within the Agency. I have listed them with respect to the corresponding paragraphs of NSC-169.

1. With respect to paragraph 3(a), we concur with parts I and II of your report, including the recommendation for discontinuance of reporting.

2. With respect to paragraph 3(b), it is suggested that the evaluation be reworded to indicate that the issuance of the Department of Defense Directive "Soviet Jamming Potential" has the effect of placing within the ELINT mechanism, which is being established by NSCID-17, the activity called for under this statement of policy. No policy directive has been issued by USCIB with respect to this activity. The wording should indicate also that the proposed surveillance is not yet operational. Because of the implications of the Soviet jamming organization to U.S. national telecommunications policy, we would recommend a continuation of further reporting on paragraph 3(b), if not to NSC, at least to ODM.

3. With respect to paragraph 4(a), if this relates to Soviet communications, as we believe, the reference to NSCID-17 may be out of place, both in the statement of progress and the evaluation. It is suggested this section should cover Department of Defense activities with respect to analysis of Soviet communications operations. Since this paragraph has a bearing on the activities under paragraph 7, for which reporting is continuing, it is recommended that reporting be continued for paragraph 4(a).

4. With respect to paragraph 4(b), it is suggested that it would be appropriate to indicate that the ANEEC will be replaced by the National Technical Processing Center to be set

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up under NSCID-17.

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5. With respect to paragraph 5(a), your recommendation has been referred to legal counsel in the Agency and comments will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

6. With respect to paragraph 5(b), we concur with the draft report and recommend continued reporting.

7. With respect to paragraph 6, it is suggested that it might be appropriate to indicate to the NSC how and to what extent the developments listed are the result of actions taken in response to this paragraph. It is also suggested that the progress be more clearly evaluated as to how much and in what areas our vulnerability is decreasing, including not only the communications of the Department of Defense but also all long-range radio navigational aids and the long-range radio communications of private industry and non-Defense governmental organizations. We concur in transfer of the reporting responsibility to NSC Action 1430-F.

8. With respect to paragraph 7, we have no suggestions.

9. With respect to paragraph 8(d), we would suggest a change in the wording of the progress report to distinguish more clearly intelligence support activities from other activities which are designed to improve its capabilities for producing intelligence. It is suggested also that the detailed conclusions of the published Scientific Intelligence Report need not be included in view of the fact that this report has now been circulated (CIA/SI 3-56, dated 3 February 1956). Perhaps the following wording would suffice:

"Progress under 8d:

The Technical Support Section in CIA is now fully staffed with three professional analysts and a secretary. Information received through normal intelligence channels, through the closing operations of [REDACTED] through special cooperation with the Department of State, and

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through continued reporting by the USIA and other broad-
casters, has resulted in the publication of a Scientific
Intelligence Report and Research Supplement entitled
"The Sino Soviet Bloc Radio Jamming System and Its Opera-
tional Capabilities" (CIA/SI 3-56 dated 3 February 1956).

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Close contact for
support is maintained with the Broadcast Evaluation
Section set up under paragraph 8(a), NSC-169. (It is,
in fact, part of the same Branch in CIA.) Consultation
has been held from time to time with Department of Defense
personnel to assist in the planning for continued surveil-
lance of the Soviet jamming activities in accordance with
paragraph 3(b), NSC-169."

We concur in the evaluation and recommendations except that
we would suggest continuation of annual reporting to NSC or
to ODM on this section for the same reason as for paragraph 3(b).

10. With respect to paragraph 9, we concur with the
draft report.

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